



Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning
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Date: 3/26/2026 **VisitType:** ILS Follow Up

Arrival: 9:30 AM **Departure:** 11:30 AM

CCLC-67959

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Quality Rated: No

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>		
03/26/2026	ILS Follow Up	Good Standing
03/11/2026	Initial Licensing Study	Good Standing

Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.

Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

Ratios/License Capacity

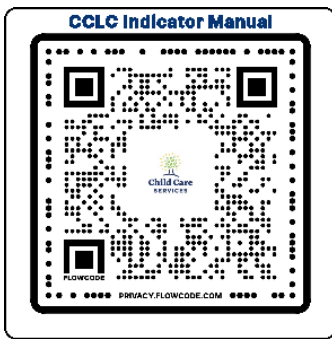
Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main Building in Rear of Church	Front-Threes and Fours		0	0	C	13	C	19	C	
Main Building in Rear of Church	!R-One and Two Year Ids		0	0	C	13	C	18	C	
Main Building in Rear of Church	1L-Fours and Above		0	0	C	21	C	29	C	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			47			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			70	
Total # Children this Date: 0			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.:			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.:			Building @25 capacity limited by Fire Marshall Limitations	

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main Building in Rear of Church	Main	19	C

Comments

The child care program received a final license on this date. The facility does not carry liability insurance. The total capacity is 52 per consultant measurements but 72 at 25 square root. The facility was limited to 70 for the 25 square feet by the fire marshal. The facility is on the right side of the church building towards the back where the red door is. The church sits next to the police station and the parking lot has multiple police cars on one side.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date



For additional information regarding any licensing topics discussed during this visit, please consult the Rules and Regulations Indicator Manual. This manual provides comprehensive clarification of each rule, including evaluation indicators, related best practices, and relevant considerations to support your program's continued and sustained compliance.

To access the Indicator Manual, please scan the QR code below or visit our website at <https://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>.

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).

Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

You have received permission to operate and the form received with this report is intended to serve as a temporary license which is **valid for thirty(30) days**. Your actual license/ will be emailed to you upon receipt of the licensing fee. You may pay the licensing fee either online at <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/> or by certified check or money order mailed to: Bright from the Start, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, Suite 670 East Tower, Atlanta, GA 30334

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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Summary Report

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The following information is associated with a ILS Follow Up:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/11/2026

Corrected on 3/26/2026

.12(4) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The provider secured the equipment to the wall .

Facility

591-1-1-.06 Bathrooms

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/10/2026

Corrected on 3/26/2026

.06(2) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The provider added a bathroom that consisted of a toilet and sink next to the 2 year old classroom.

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2026

Corrected on 3/26/2026

.25(12) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The provider added a four plus foot fence around the air conditioner units and they were inaccessible to the children.

Correction Deadline: 4/6/2026

Corrected on 3/26/2026

.25(7) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The provider added black barriers to all prior openings and ensured all doors to the child care area from the church were locked.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 3/26/2026

Corrected on 3/26/2026

.26(9) - The previous citation was observed corrected on this date. The provider had the grass cut, added mulch to some sections and spray painted the exposed tree roots with orange spray paint.